W A Perry Middle 2600 Barhamville Rd. Columbia, S. C. 29204

Grades 6-8 Middle School

Enrollment 344 Students

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Annual School Report Card 2005

ABSOLUTE RATING

UNSATISFACTORY

Absolute Ratings of Middle Schools with Students like Ours

Excellent Good Average Below Average Unsatisfactory

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IMPROVEMENT RATING

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ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS

NO

This school met 9 out of 15 objectives. The objectives included performance and participation of students in various groups.

Definition: As required by the United States Department of Education, Adequate Yearly Progress specifies that the statewide target is met for All Students and for the following subgroups: Racial/Ethnic, Subsidized Meals, Disability, and Limited English Proficiency.

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE GOAL

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

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PERFORMANCE TRENDS OVER 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
2002	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	N/A
2003	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	No
2004	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	No
2005	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	No

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

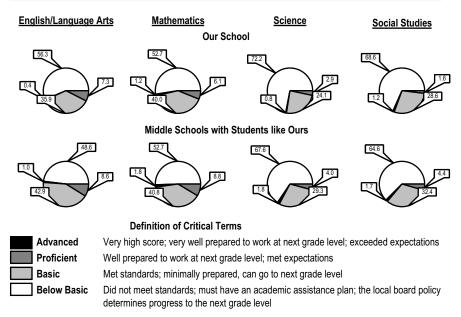
- Excellent School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- ■Good School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Average School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Below Average School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Unsatisfactory School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal

PERCENT OF STUDENT RECORDS MATCHED FOR PURPOSES OF COMPUTING IMPROVEMENT RATING

Percent of students tested in 2004-05 whose 2003-04 test scores were located.

94.7%

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT)



PACT PERFORMANCE BY GRO	UP								
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Englis	, h/Langua	ge Arts -	State Per	formance	Objective	= 38.2%			
All Students	322	100.0	56.3	35.9	7.3	0.4	12.2	No	Yes
Gender									
Male	160	100.0	62.1	32.8	5.2	0.0	10.3		
Female	162	100.0	51.2	38.8	9.3	0.8	14.0		
Racial/Ethnic Group									
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I/S	I/S
African American	319	100.0	56.2	36.0	7.4	0.4	12.4	No	Yes
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I/S	I/S
Hispanic	1	100.0	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I/S	I/S
Disability Status									
Not Disabled	269	100.0	54.0	38.1	7.4	0.5	12.6		
Disabled	53	100.0	73.3	20.0	6.7	0.0	10.0	I/S	Yes
Migrant Status									
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Non-Migrant	322	100.0	56.3	35.9	7.3	0.4	12.2		
English Proficiency									
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I/S	I/S
Non-Limited English Proficient	322	100.0	56.3	35.9	7.3	0.4	12.2		
Socio-Economic Status									
Subsidized meals	308	100.0	57.0	35.9	6.8	0.4	11.4	No	Yes
Full-pay meals	14	100.0	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S		

M	Mathematics - State Performance Objective = 36.7%								
All Students	322	99.7	52.7	40.0	6.1	1.2	15.9	No	Yes
Gender									
Male	160	100.0	54.3	35.3	7.8	2.6	19.0		
Female	162	99.4	51.2	44.2	4.7	0.0	13.2		
Racial/Ethnic Group									
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I/S	I/S
African American	319	99.7	52.5	40.1	6.2	1.2	16.1	No	Yes
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I/S	I/S
Hispanic	1	100.0	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I/S	I/S
Disability Status									
Not Disabled	269	99.6	47.4	44.2	7.0	1.4	18.1		
Disabled	53	100.0	90.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	I/S	Yes
Migrant Status									
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Non-Migrant	322	99.7	52.7	40.0	6.1	1.2	15.9		
English Proficiency									
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I/S	I/S
Non-Limited English Proficient	322	99.7	52.7	40.0	6.1	1.2	15.9		
Socio-Economic Status									
Subsidized meals	308	99.7	53.2	40.5	5.5	0.8	14.8	No	Yes
Full-pay meals	14	100.0	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S		

PACT PERFORMANCE BY GR	PACT PERFORMANCE BY GROUP								
	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	,	% Below Basic	% Basic	% Proficient	% Advanced	% Proficient and Advanced		
All Students	321	99.7	ience 72.0	24.3	2.9	0.8	3.7		
Gender	321	55.1	72.0	24.0	2.3	0.0	5.1		
Male	159	99.4	72.8	22.8	2.6	1.8	4.4		
Female	162	100.0	71.3	25.6	3.1	0.0	3.1		
Racial/Ethnic Group									
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
African American	318	99.7	71.7	24.6	2.9	0.8	3.8		
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Hispanic	1	100.0	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S		
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Disability Status									
Not Disabled	269	99.6	68.7	27.1	3.3	0.9	4.2		
Disabled	52	100.0	96.6	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Migrant Status	N//A		21/2	21/2		21/2	21/2		
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Non-Migrant	321	99.7	72.0	24.3	2.9	0.8	3.7		
English Proficiency	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Limited English Proficient Non-Limited English Proficient	321	99.7	72.0	24.3	2.9	0.8	3.7		
Socio-Economic Status	321	99.7	12.0	24.3	2.9	0.0	3.7		
Subsidized meals	307	99.7	72.8	24.3	2.6	0.4	3.0		
Full-pay meals	14	100.0	1/S	1/S	1/S	I/S	1/S		
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		Socia	l Studies				
All Students	321	99.7	68.3	28.8	1.6	1.2	2.9
Gender							
Male	159	99.4	72.8	24.6	0.0	2.6	2.6
Female	162	100.0	64.3	32.6	3.1	0.0	3.1
Racial/Ethnic Group							
White	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
African American	318	99.7	68.3	28.8	1.7	1.3	2.9
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	1	100.0	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disability Status							
Not Disabled	269	99.6	65.4	31.3	1.9	1.4	3.3
Disabled	52	100.0	89.7	10.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Migrant Status							
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non-Migrant	321	99.7	68.3	28.8	1.6	1.2	2.9
English Proficiency							
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non-Limited English Proficient	321	99.7	68.3	28.8	1.6	1.2	2.9
Socio-Economic Status							
Subsidized meals	307	99.7	68.9	28.9	1.3	0.9	2.1
Full-pay meals	14	100.0	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S

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	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Below Basic	% Basic	% Proficient	% Advanced	% Proficient and Advanced
				English/Lai	nguage Arts			
-	3	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A
4	5	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A
8	6	131	98.5	57.3	35.0	7.7	N/A	7.7
2	7	126	97.6	57.9	33.3	8.8	N/A	8.8
	8	135	97.8	63.5	33.3	3.2	N/A	3.2
	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
10	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
0	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	6	114	100.0	67.1	24.7	8.2	0.0	8.2
	7	115	100.0	50.6	44.8	4.6	0.0	4.6
	8	93	100.0	50.7	38.4	9.6	1.4	11.0
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_	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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8	6	131	97.7	54.3	33.6	8.6	3.4	12.1
7	7	126	97.6	58.8	34.2	6.1	0.9	7.0
	8	135	99.3	63.8	33.1	2.4	0.8	3.1
_	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/A N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A
8	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	6	114	100.0	44.7	45.9	8.2	1.2	9.4
	7	115	99.1	50.6	40.2	6.9	2.3	9.2
	8	93	100.0	64.4	32.9	2.7	0.0	2.7
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8	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
0	6	113	99.1	71.1	22.9	4.8	1.2	6.0
67	7	115	100.0	72.4	24.1	2.3	1.1	3.4
	8	93	100.0	72.6	26.0	1.4	0.0	1.4
				Social	Studies			
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	4	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A
8	5	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A
ĕ.	6	113	99.1	71.1	24.1	2.4	2.4	4.8
67	7	115	100.0	75.9	23.0	0.0	1.1	1.1
	8	93	100.0	56.2	41.1	2.7	0.0	2.7

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Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)		Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Retention rate 6.2% Up from 1.9% 5.8% 3.0%	Students (n= 344)				
Attendance rate		26.1%	Down from 56.2%	7.1%	15.5%
Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (Math) off grade level students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (Math) off grade level students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (Math) off grade level students with disabilities other than speech students with disabilities of the than speech students with disabilities of the than speech students with disabilities other than speech students with disabilities of grade students with disabilities with	Retention rate	6.2%	Up from 1.9%	5.8%	3.0%
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On academic probation N/AV A/AV A/AV A/AV 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 78.1% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0	Eligible for gifted and talented	7.0%	Down from 8.5%	5.4%	15.3%
Older than usual for grade 7.3% Up from 5.8% 9.1% 4.6% Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses 3.2% Up from 1.0% 1.2% 0.8% Annual dropout rate 0.4% Down from 0.7% 0.0% 0.0% Teachers with advanced degrees 50.0% Down from 52.8% 50.0% 51.8% Continuing contract teachers 68.4% Up from 58.3% 69.2% 78.1% Highly qualified teachers 87.9% Up from 58.3% 69.2% 78.1% Highly qualified teachers 87.9% Up from 86.2% 87.4% 89.6% Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates 15.2% Up from 3.8% 14.0% 6.0% Teachers returning from previous year 75.9% Up from 71.5% 75.9% 85.4% Teachers returning from previous year 75.9% Up from 71.5% 75.9% 85.4% Teachers seturning from previous year 75.9% Up from 71.5% 75.9% 85.4% Teachers returning from previous year 75.9% Up from 71.5% 75.9% 85.4%					
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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

W.A. Perry Middle School students made slight gains in math and ELA on the PACT from the previous year. In ELA, the 8th graders made a 4% increase, and in math, the 7th graders increased 9%. W. A. Perry applied and was accepted into the Teacher Advancement Program (TAP). TAP addresses student achievement by focusing on ongoing professional development and effective, research based instructional strategies. The school's leadership team is composed of administrators, master teachers, and mentor teachers who meet weekly to discuss progress of the school's goals toward meeting achievement, cluster goals, and Individual Growth Plans. The cluster teams are composed of master, mentor, and career teachers who meet weekly to share researched-based instructional strategies to field-test in their classrooms.

Because of TAP, we were able to analyze our previous PACT and benchmark data, group students and identify instructional goals by content area, so that students' performance could increase from below basic to basic, basic to proficient, and proficient to advanced. We aggressively instituted a comprehensive remedial plan that allowed students to be paired with a university instructor for academic assistance in ELA and math.

The school continued to focus on project-based /technology instructional activities, which resulted in the highest number ever of science projects being submitted. Also, 24 students represented the school at the Regional Science Fair, sponsored by the University of South Carolina. We made significant accomplishments as a result of all the initiatives by having two Duke (TIP) recipients, four Middle School Scholars, our faith-based partner, Trinity Episcopal was named the district and state Volunteer Group of the Year, and our students' art works were displayed in the Columbia Museum of Art and in Sumter.

The school continues its focus upon addressing areas for improvement by establishing the school goal for all students to increase their performance on PACT in ELA from 41% to 60%, in mathematics from 41% to 60%, in science from 22% to 40% and in social studies from 26% to 40%.

Ceasar J. Leysath III., Interim Principal Mrs. Vernell Jenkins, SIC Chairperson

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND PARENTS								
	Teachers	Students*	Parents*					
Number of surveys returned	39	66	53					
Percent satisfied with learning environment	43.6%	55.4%	52.8%					
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	56.4%	61.5%	50.0%					
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	15.8%	83.1%	58.8%					
*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.								